

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MAY 27, 2008

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met May 27, 2008, by published call in the County Board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bud Jeffries.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Robert Rye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were Jim Eriksen, Robert Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was County Attorney Michelle Oldham. Scott Arnold arrived later

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW - Chairman Jeffries read the notice of open meeting law.

CONSENT AGENDA – Rye made a motion and Lancaster seconded to approve the following by consent agenda:

1. Placed on file the minutes of the May 13, meeting
2. 9a Approved Resolution #08-038 for withdrawal of collateral for Union Bank & Trust in the amount of \$100,000.00
3. 9b Approved Resolution #08-039 for additional collateral for Union Bank & Trust in the amount of \$100,000.00
4. 9c Approved Resolution #08-040 for exchange of collateral for Pathway Bank in the amount of \$200,000.00
5. 17 Placed on file communication from Regional Planning
6. 19 Placed on file the office report from the Hall county Attorney
7. 20 Placed on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts
8. 21 Placed on file communications as received

Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Arnold was absent for the vote. Motion carried.

12. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON AGREEMENT TO ALLOW PROJECT FOR INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL AND RIVER RESTORATION – Weed control
Superintendent Robert Schultz stated that he has received another grant through the Environmental Trust to spray vegetation in the Platte River. He will be working with the land owners to get agreements to proceed with the spraying. They will be spraying a mile in Merrick County, a couple of miles in Polk County and also in Hall County. He will be holding a landowner seminar at College Park on May 28 to provide information. The agreement will need to be signed by the land owners and returned to the Hall county Weed control Office in order to proceed.

Lancaster questioned if the river is blocked who would be responsible to clear it and Mr. Schultz stated that it is the responsibility of the land owner to do this. Mr. Eriksen stated that the NRD's are very active in assisting with this also.

10 AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE HALL COUNTY ATTORNEY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/08 - This was a coding error on the County Attorney's budget and because there are two separate funds the only way to correct it was to use a resolution. There were dollars in the equipment & improvement reserve fund that were to be used to make a purchase but it was paid from the County Attorney budget. This resolution will move the dollars from the equipment reserve fund to the general fund in the amount of \$12,000.00.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve Resolution #08-041 providing for appropriations for the Hall County Attorney budget. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

13 DISCUSS AND APPROVE UPDATED HALL CONTY SAFETY MANUAL – Eriksen stated that this was postponed from 2 weeks ago for the board members to review and he did not receive any concerns.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the revised and updated Hall County Safety Manual dated May 2008 as presented and direct Howard Hasset, Chairman of the Safety Committee to issue a copy of said manual to each Department Head and Elected Official by July 1, 2008 with a written response to the County Board on completion of said action and direct each Department Head and elected Official to obtain an acknowledgement from each employee and place in the personnel file by October 1, 2008 with a written response to Howard Hasset upon completion of said action. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

11 APPROE ITEMS FOR THE TIME CAPSULE FOR THE DEPARMTNE OF CORRECTIONS – Lancaster stated that they have several items for the time capsule and she read a list that will be included.

Lancaster made a motion and rye seconded to include these items in the time capsule.

Jeffries questioned if there was a way to preserve the paper that will be placed in it.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

14 FACILITIES & AUDIT COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATION – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON 2 CONTRACTS WITH DLR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE COURTHOUSE ANNEX - Lancaster stated that this contract does not include the Courthouse or Court Room renovations it only includes the old safety center now the courthouse annex and improvement to the infrastructure.

Count Attorney Mark Young stated that there have been several meetings regarding this contract and the question that was asked addressed what items could be funded using jail bond proceeds. This is a legal opinion. It was questioned if the whole system

infrastructure for the heating and cooling and the fire sprinkler system for the court house could be paid from the bond proceeds. DLR was asked to split the two contracts and send a letter of understanding. This would allow the County the opportunity to make it a more efficient system by adding another boiler to the current system. The cost to do the upgrade would be a total of \$134,000.00. There was an item addressing some plumbing issue also and that was added as a foot note to the contract.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the two contracts with DLR for the improvements to the court house annex.

Eriksen stated that he had question regarding the legality of this but Mr. Young has clarified that if the county were challenged he could defend this. Mr. Eriksen also questioned if the county was fiscally responsible to do this remodeling. The voters were asked too approve the new jail and renovate the basement of the existing facility. This first time it was defeated and the second time the cost was reduced and it was approved. The total bid came in lower so there was a significant savings. He questioned how the proposed improvements had anything to do wit the jail. He noted that the day hold area is only 1/3 of the entire court house annex. He questioned if other funds should be used for the improvements to the infrastructure. He also expressed concern on if there would be enough proceeds to pay off the bonds.

Chairman Jeffries delayed the discussion to hold the bid opening.

5 10:00 A.M. BID OPENING JANITORIAL SERVICES – The following bids were received:

JAIL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES

BIDDER	MONTHLY COST	24 MONTHS
Mother Maid Cleaning 2111 West 10 th , GI	\$2,800.00	\$33,600.00
Humiston Enterprises Inc 3022 W Old Potash, GI	\$1,552.80	\$37,267.70

COUNTY FACILITIES 5 BUILDINGS

BIDDER	MONTHLY COST	24 MONTHS
Humiston Enterprises Inc	\$19,226.40	\$461,433.60

Arnold made a motion and Lancaster seconded to refer the bids to the facilities committee and they will come back in two weeks. Arnold, Eriksen, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Humiston abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion continued on the DLR contract. Mr. Eriksen stated that he was finished but would like to reserve some of the money for future interest payments.

County Attorney Mark Young stated that there are IRS ruling regarding bond proceeds and if they cannot be held for future payment it this happens her is an arbitrage payment that has to be paid to the IRS. You cannot borrow money to make money. Arnold

stated that these issues were also discussed in committee for example the sprinkler system; you can't sprinkle just one floor in a building. He would like to proceed with these projects.

Wagoner also expressed concern on using the bond money to do the remodeling.

Lancaster stated that the facilities committee and the audit committee have also worked with Brad Fegley regarding the bonds and the payment. The county is very fortunate that there were very few change orders and the additional dollars will be invested well in the proposed remodeling project. Her motion stands.

Eriksen expressed concern again about using the bond dollars for the infrastructure.

Jeffries stated that this is legal and the improvements are necessary. The County has the opportunity to do this and they should proceed.

The vote on the motion was taken. Arnold, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye all voted yes and Eriksen and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

6 10:30 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING FOR INCREASE OF HALL COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION RIDER FEES – Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to open the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Chairman Jeffries called for public participation and no one responded.

Lancaster stated that this has not been addressed for 20 years and it is past due. The ride is charged 50 cents each time they walk on the bus, this will be a 100% increase and it will affect the elderly and disabled. If an individual used the bus to go to the Senior Center for a meal it will be \$5.00 a day.

Diane McKoski with Senior Citizens was present. She stated that the cost of fuel is up and the drivers are only receiving a 25 cent raise. Last year she budgeted \$3.25 for a gallon of gas and this year she has budgeted \$4.00 a gallon. She also noted that Hall County has not charged any addition rider fees for the out lying communities.

Jeffries noted that if an individual cannot drive because of medical reasons it is very important to have this service available and it may be a hardship to increase the cost but it is necessary.

Wagoner questioned if there could be a two-tier payment system for the rider fees. Lancaster stated that they could not do this.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to go out of the public hearing. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Lancaster made a motion and Arnold seconded to increase the rider fee to \$1.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Motion carried.

7 DISCUSS AND APPROVE HALL COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BUDGET – Lancaster stated that the budget will increase \$9,000.00 at the beginning it was a \$20,000.00 increase but that was reduced. The issue with the fuel is addressed in lines 18 and 19. The local match will be \$74,587.00. There is also a new program for the cab tickets they use a 1% administration fee for processing but the local cab company has increased the cost of the rides by \$1.00.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the Hall County Transportation Budget and authorize the Chair to sign.

Eriksen questioned if they looked at reducing the route to save on costs and question if they could have pick up points. Ms. McKoski stated that they have the public make appointments for the rides and they try to keep the buses where they are needed, but she welcomes any suggestions.

Lancaster stated that this is a door to door service and they try to combine the pickups and stops to make it as efficient as possible. These bus drivers do not even take breaks when they are driving.

The vote on the motion to approve the budget was taken. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

8 DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE CAB COMPANY AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN. – Lancaster stated that this is the agreement with the local cab company to provide the services required after the buses are not running.

Lancaster made a motion and Humiston seconded to approve the cab company agreement and authored the chair to sign. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

18 – APPROVE BI WEEKLY PAY CALIMS AND REGULAR CLAIMS – The board members reviewed the claims discussion was held on claim number 08050555 and Stacey Ruzicka stated that County Attorney Mark Young is working with the judges on this claim. It is involved in a court case and he suggested pulling this claim at this time for clarification.

She also noted that the payment of the bill for the demolition of the apartment building located next to the County Attorney Building is being processed and Howard Hasset has signed off on it. There are some CRA dollars that will reimburse some of the costs but these will not be paid out until the project is completed.

Eriksen made a motion and Arnold seconded to approve the bi weekly pay claims and regular claims and reduce claim number 08-050555 by \$13,860.00. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Eriksen reported that the insurance committee is continuing to gather information relative to the various health insurance products with the possibility of making some changes and if so this will be addressed in January.

He also reported that he attended a meeting at CAAP relative to the status of the clean up it is going well the load lines are being cleaned. The NRD are negotiation on some gravel mines. He has a report if the board is interested.

Region III has requested that the billings for the EPC's and mental health board hearings be submitted to Region III to be paid and this will be used to offset the county match.

Lancaster – She attended the Memorial Day Services at the Veterans Park. The facilities committee will meet today to discuss the courtroom renovations. Mid Nebraska Individual Services has new administration and they are addressing billing concerns.

Arnold – He reported that the demolition of the house by the County Attorney building has been completed and they are looking at costs to resurface the brick wall and also the cost to complete the parking lot.

Jeffries stated that he had an E Mail from Cindy Johnson regarding a marketing committee for the State Fair and she would like a volunteer from the county board. Lancaster stated that she would serve on the committee.

NEW OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Chairman Jeffries called for new or unfinished business and no one responded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be June 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk